

Senate Resolution 286

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Buckner of the 44th and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2009, as Henry County Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1821 and named after Patrick Henry, the 324 mile area of Henry
4 County is home to an estimated 180,000 Georgians, including major cities such as
5 McDonough, Stockbridge, Locust Grove, and Hampton; and

6 WHEREAS, the county seat of Henry County is McDonough, a city named after
7 Commodore Thomas Macdonough; and

8 WHEREAS, Henry County is home to McDonough's Brown House, which was built in 1826
9 as the home for Andrew McBride, a Revolutionary War veteran from South Carolina, was
10 expanded in 1874 to serve as the Brown House Hotel, and currently houses the Henry County
11 Historical Society; and

12 WHEREAS, McDonough is also the site of such historic gems as the 1897 Romanesque style
13 courthouse and the Shingleroof Methodist Campground, which was used as a training ground
14 for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War; and

15 WHEREAS, Henry County attracts sports fans from around the state and country each year
16 with events like the Chick-Fil-A Charity Championship, a Ladies Professional Golf
17 Association Tour Event at Eagles Landing Country Club, and two major NASCAR events
18 at Atlanta Motor Speedway; and

19 WHEREAS, located just east of Stockbridge, the 537-acre Panola Mountain State
20 Conservation Park surrounds a million year old monadnock; and

21 WHEREAS, many festivals are held throughout the year in Henry County, including the Old
22 Stockbridge Days Festival, the Fairview Fall Festival, Old Locust Grove Days, the Geranium
23 Festival, and the Henry County Fair; and

24 WHEREAS, a county that supports great economic growth for the state and has such rich
25 history and traditions is worthy of recognition by this body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the great achievements of Henry County and its citizens and recognize February
28 25, 2009, as Henry County Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the public and the press.